



The **Rainier Traffic Safety Project** aims to reduce fatal and disabling collisions through education, enforcement, and improvements to city roadways, crosswalks and intersections. Key facts based on three years of data (January 2002 to December 2004):

- Total number of collisions = 1,743
- Total number of fatal/disabling collisions = 37
- Total number of alcohol-related collisions = 55

*Similar safety projects around the state have reduced fatal and disabling collisions on average by 25 percent.*

**Enforcement Planned Actions:** Slow down drivers, decrease impaired driving, and promote safer behavior by motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

- DUI Emphasis Patrol to reduce driving impairments.
- Safety Emphasis Patrol to target motorists who fail to stop for pedestrians.
- Red Light Running Emphasis Patrol.
- Speed enforcement actions at specific locations to deter speeding.
- Pedestrian Safety Patrols to reduce jaywalking.

**Street Improvement Planned Actions:** Construct and evaluate corridor improvements to increase safety for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

- Replace missing, damaged or hidden road signs and pavement markings.
- Provide larger street name signs to improve visibility of signs for drivers.
- Install two electronic speed measuring signs to increase driver awareness.
- Improve signage to notify both motorists and pedestrians of the transition to reduced lanes on Rainier Avenue south of Cornell St.
- Install eight corridor signs to educate motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians that they are in the Rainier Safety Project Corridor.
- Investigate turn restrictions and driveway consolidation in areas where a high number of driveways can make conditions unsafe.
- Install five pedestrian countdown signals and three LED push buttons to improve pedestrian safety.
- Improve signal timing, provide photo enforcement, and evaluate restricting left turns at key locations to reduce collisions.
- Evaluate parking locations and improve parking space visibility to reduce collisions with parked cars and other fixed objects.
- Investigate ways to provide a safer environment for cyclists.

**Education Planned Actions:** Create outreach materials and conduct safety awareness events throughout 2006 and 2007 to increase safe driving, walking and biking practices and reduce fatal and disabling crashes along the Rainier Corridor.

- Raise public awareness about rules of the road and safe driver, cyclist and pedestrian behavior.
- Educate drivers about detrimental effects of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.